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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	ROBERT S. WALTERS JR	1792	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 4/22/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6,8-12,14 and 18-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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/ROBERT S. WALTERS JR/  
Examiner, Art Unit 1792

/Michael Kornakov/  
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1792

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Status of Application***

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 18-22 are allowed.

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 4, line 1, replace [Claim 21] with – Claim 11 – right before "wherein".

In claim 11, line 1, replace [Claim 4] with – Claim 13 – right before "wherein".

In claim 12, line 1, replace [Claim 11] with – Claim 14 – right before "further".

In claim 14, line 1, replace [Claim 4] with – Claim 13 – right before "further".

In claim 22, line 1, replace [Claim 21] with – Claim 11 – right before "wherein".

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 18-22 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claim 1 recites a method for manufacturing an inkjet recording medium for offset printing comprising the

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steps of: applying at a speed of at least 300 m/minute and up to 1000 m/minute a coating color containing a pigment and a binder as major components to at least one side of a base material using a transfer roll coater; subsequently drying said coating layer to form an ink absorbing layer, wherein the Hercules viscosity of said coating color is 5 mPa·s to 30 mPa·s and said pigment contains either one of a) a synthetic silica having an oil absorption of 90 ml/100g to 200 ml/100 g, a BET specific surface area of 80 m<sup>2</sup>/g to 104 m<sup>2</sup>/g and an average particle diameter of 1.0 μ to 3.0 μ, b) a precipitated calcium carbonate-silica composite having an oil absorption of 100 ml/100g to 250 ml/100 g, a BET specific surface area of 26 m<sup>2</sup>/g to 30 m<sup>2</sup>/g and an average particle diameter of 1.0 μ to 10 μ, or a mixture of a) and b). Independent claim 21 recites a method for manufacturing an inkjet recording medium for offset printing comprising the steps of: applying at a speed of at least 300 m/minute and up to 1000 m/minute a coating color containing a pigment and a binder as major components to at least one side of a base material using a transfer roll coater; subsequently drying said coating layer to form an ink absorbing layer, wherein the Hercules viscosity of said coating color is 5 mPa·s to 30 mPa·s and said pigment contains a precipitated calcium carbonate- silica composite having an oil absorption of 100 ml/100g to 250 ml/100 g, a BET specific surface area of 26 m<sup>2</sup>/g to 30 m<sup>2</sup>/g and an average particle diameter of 1.0 μ to 10 μ or a mixture thereof with a synthetic silica having an oil absorption of 90 ml/100g to 200 ml/100 g, a BET specific surface area of 80 m<sup>2</sup>/g to 104 m<sup>2</sup>/g and an average particle diameter of 1.0 μ to 3.0 μ.

The closest prior art of record is Sekiguchi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6312794) which recites a method for applying an ink receiving layer containing a synthetic silica having a surface area of preferably from 50 to 400 m<sup>2</sup>/g, an oil absorption of at least 30 mL/g, preferably at least 100

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mL/g, and an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$  (column 6, lines 28-34). It should be noted that the claimed ranges for the surface area, oil absorption and particle diameter are significantly narrower ranges which fall within the broader ranges recited in the prior art.

However, as noted by applicant, where Sekiguchi provides narrower and more specific values for these parameters, the values that Sekiguchi recites are outside of the ranges claimed by applicant. There is also no suggestion or motivation to modify Sekiguchi's recited ranges to the narrower ranges as claimed by applicant. Furthermore, the applicant has demonstrated the criticality of these particular parameters by showing that the selection of these three parameters together lead to the unexpected result of providing a recording medium that performs well with both offset and inkjet printing processes (see Tables 1 and 2), and can be manufactured at high rates.

With regards to the alternative calcium-carbonate-silica composite pigment, a thorough search of the prior art failed to teach or suggest the use of this particular pigment with the parameters for oil absorption, surface area and average particle diameter as is claimed. Furthermore, the selection of the ranges for these particular parameters would not have been obvious over Sekiguchi's teachings for the reasons outlined above. Therefore, claims 1 and 21 are not obvious over Sekiguchi. A thorough search of the prior art failed to teach or suggest the use of the silica or calcium carbonate-silica composite particles having the specific ranges for the parameters as is claimed. Therefore, claims 1 and 21 are patentable. Furthermore, claims 2-4, 6, 8-12, 14, 18-20 and 22 are also patentable based on their dependence from claims 1 and 21.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 18-22 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT S. WALTERS JR whose telephone number is (571)270-5351. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on (571)272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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